

shall serve without compensation other than for taking the census as provided in section 20 of said chapter four of said Acts of 1901.

SEC. 3. That this act shall apply only to Stanly County.

Applicable only to  
Stanly county.

SEC. 4. That this act shall go into effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 6th day of March, 1903.

#### CHAPTER 547.

#### AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 551, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1899.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That section two of chapter five hundred and fifty-one (551), Public Laws of 1899, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word Anson in section 2.

Local option law  
made applicable to  
Anson county.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 6th day of March, 1903.

#### CHAPTER 548.

#### AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE MILITIA AND THE STATE GUARD.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. The active militia of the State shall be known and designated as the "North Carolina National Guard," and wherever the words "State Guard" now appear in chapter 374 of the Public Laws of 1893, and the acts amendatory thereof, the words "North Carolina National Guard" are substituted therefor.

Active militia,  
how designated.

Chapter 374, Public  
Laws 1893,  
amended.

SEC. 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a brigadier-general to command the National Guard of the State as now organized, and whenever it shall become necessary to organize the same into more than one brigade the commanders of such brigades shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Appointment of  
officers.

SEC. 3. Field officers of regiments and battalions, and of corresponding grades in the naval brigades, shall be elected by the commissioned officers of the regiments and naval brigade, and company, battery, troop and naval division officers shall be elected by the enlisted men of such company, battery, troop and naval division at such time and place as may be fixed by the Commander-in-Chief, and such officers shall hold office until vacancies occur, either by promotion, resignation, removal or death.

Election of certain  
officers.